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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSEPH BONGIOVANNI,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:19-cr-227
(LJV)

February 26, 2024

TRANSCRIPT EXCERPT - EXAMINATION OF PAUL C. PARISI, ESQ.
BEFORE THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE J. VILARDO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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(Excerpt commenced at 10:05 a.m.)

(Jury seated at 10:05 a.m.)

THE COURT: Good morning, everyone.

ALL JURORS: Good morning.

THE COURT: Welcome back. The record will reflect that all our jurors are present. I apologize for the delay, but we had some legal work that we needed to take care of before you came in.

The government can call its next witness.

MR. DICKSON: Thank you, Your Honor. The government calls Paul Parisi.

THE COURT: And as we told you during jury selection, Ms. Demma is not here this week, so we will be helped by Ms. Kellogg, and we will not miss a beat.

P A U L P A R I S I, having been duly called and sworn, testified as follows:

MR. DICKSON: May I proceed?

1 Q. Mr. Parisi, while you were with the U.S. Attorney's
2 Office, did you work with federal agencies?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. What kind of federal agencies did you work with?

5 A. A lot. So FBI, DEA, ATF, Homeland Security, IRS.

6 Q. When you worked with the DEA, what kinds of cases would
7 you work with the DEA?

8 A. Narcotic drug cases.

9 Q. As an AUSA, Mr. Parisi, did you ever secure search
10 warrants to further an investigation that you were doing?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can you explain to the jury what a search warrant is?

13 A. Yes. Under the Constitution, the government needs to
14 show probable cause to believe that there -- a crime was
15 committed, and that there is evidence of a crime in a certain
16 location, whether that's a person's house, a person's car,
17 could be a bank, could be a business, wherever it is, if
18 you're looking for physical objects.

19 So what happens in the case is a law enforcement officer
20 from the state, federal, county, will get ahold of us, they
21 will put together an affidavit, which is the sworn
22 allegations of fact to put together, and then we present
23 that -- we review that, we present it to a judge, who -- the
24 judge has to determine if there is probable cause to proceed,
25 and to authorize the search which has to be done of the

1 premises that are detailed in the affidavit.

2 Q. As part of that affidavit that you were talking about,
3 well, let me ask you this. Who writes the affidavit?

4 A. The law enforcement officer.

5 Q. Okay. And as part of writing that affidavit, do the --
6 does the law enforcement officer have to include their
7 training and experience that's relevant to whatever case
8 you're investigating?

9 A. Yes. They put their base of knowledge, their experience,
10 their relevant experience for that investigation to -- so the
11 judge can determine if they have the appropriate experience
12 to help factor in, because they're making -- they're putting
13 factual assertions in there, but they're also making
14 conclusions based on their experience. So the judge is going
15 to want to see what their experience is so they can determine
16 that they have the actual experience for those conclusions.

17 Q. And so after the agent writes that affidavit, including
18 their training and experience, what happens next in the
19 process in terms of that affidavit?

20 A. So an AUSA will review that, and usually makes some
21 edits, just whether it's grammar, whether it's we determine
22 there needs to be more investigation done, or there needs to
23 be more information, we have questions about it, so we can
24 add more to it. The law enforcement agent will make the
25 suggested -- or, will incorporate the suggestions, put

10:11AM 1 another draft together.

10:11AM 2 But once it is complete on our end, we submit that
10:11AM 3 package to the Court for the Court to review and determine if
10:11AM 4 there's sufficient probable cause.

10:11AM 5 Then at that point in time, we'll go over to the court --
10:11AM 6 courtroom, which is in this building, where one of the judges
10:11AM 7 in this building, and will -- a judge will have the law
10:11AM 8 enforcement officer swear to the contents of the affidavit
10:11AM 9 under oath.

10:11AM 10 And then the law enforcement agent will sign it in front
10:11AM 11 of the judge. And then the judge will sign it if the judge
10:11AM 12 authorizes it.

10:11AM 13 Q. When you say "swear to the contents of the affidavit," is
10:11AM 14 the agent swearing all the stuff in the affidavit is true and
10:11AM 15 accurate?

10:11AM 16 A. Yes.

10:11AM 17 Q. Mr. Parisi, do you know somebody named Joseph
10:11AM 18 Bongiovanni?

10:11AM 19 A. I do.

10:11AM 20 Q. How do you know him?

10:11AM 21 A. He was a DEA agent when I was working as an AUSA.

10:12AM 22 Q. And did you work with the defendant while you were an
10:12AM 23 AUSA?

10:12AM 24 A. I did.

10:12AM 25 Q. Mr. Parisi, I want to show you a document.

1 **MR. DICKSON:** Can we show for the witness only,
2 please, Government Exhibit 145?

3 **THE CLERK:** It's not coming on.

4 **MR. TRIPI:** We don't have it on our screens.

5 **MR. COOPER:** The monitor in the gallery is on. I
6 think Karen is waiting.

7 Karen hasn't displayed it yet because the monitor in
8 the gallery is on.

9 **THE CLERK:** Okay. So now it's off. It should be
10 off.

11 **THE WITNESS:** I can see it now.

12 **MR. DICKSON:** All good? Thank you.

13 **BY MR. DICKSON:**

14 Q. Mr. Parisi, what is this document here?

15 A. The whole document? Or just the page that I'm looking
16 at?

17 Q. Well, we can scroll through the whole document, but have
18 you seen this document before?

19 A. Yes. This is the application for a search warrant of
20 163 Kenview Road, an apartment, and a vehicle.

21 Q. Who is the agent who wrote the contents of this document?

22 A. Joseph Bongiovanni.

23 Q. Is this an affidavit -- is part of this document an
24 affidavit that you reviewed in your capacity as an AUSA?

25 A. Yes. Part of the application for the search warrant is

10:13AM 1 that affidavit.

10:13AM 2 Q. And are parts of this document redacted, Mr. Parisi?

10:13AM 3 A. Yes.

10:13AM 4 Q. Aside from those redactions, is this document a fair and
10:13AM 5 accurate copy of that search warrant application that you
10:13AM 6 reviewed?

10:13AM 7 A. Can you just scroll through the pages so I can make sure
10:13AM 8 that -- thank you. Yes. This is a fair and accurate copy of
10:14AM 9 the, except for the redactions, of the search warrant
10:14AM 10 application.

10:14AM 11 **MR. DICKSON:** Your Honor, at this time, the
10:14AM 12 government moves Government Exhibit 145 into evidence.

10:14AM 13 **MR. MacKAY:** No objection, Your Honor. The only
10:14AM 14 thing I note though is -- I think it's -- is it 12.

10:15AM 15 I'm sorry, it's page 15 of the document,
10:15AM 16 paragraph 14, does list the target of the warrant that was not
10:15AM 17 redacted. As I sit here today, I don't know if that person
10:15AM 18 was ever charged or whether it's an appropriately redacted
10:15AM 19 name.

10:15AM 20 **THE WITNESS:** I could probably.

10:15AM 21 **MR. DICKSON:** Judge --

10:15AM 22 **THE COURT:** Should that have been redacted?

10:15AM 23 **MR. DICKSON:** Yeah, I think we can redact that out,
10:15AM 24 Judge. I apologize.

10:15AM 25 **THE COURT:** So it's admitted with that redaction. I

1 caught that, too, Mr. MacKay. It's admitted with that
2 redaction.

3 **MR. DICKSON:** Thank you.

4 **(GOV Exhibit 145 was received in evidence.)**

5 **MR. DICKSON:** Can we publish that for the jury,
6 please?

7 **THE COURT:** Yeah, except let's not publish that page.

8 **MR. DICKSON:** Sure.

9 **THE COURT:** We don't think we need to publish that
10 page, do we?

11 **MR. DICKSON:** Nope. We won't publish that.

12 **BY MR. DICKSON:**

13 Q. All right. Mr. Parisi, so on this first page here, do
14 you see where it says sort of halfway down the page, it says
15 the search is related to violations of? Do you see that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And then does it list some statutes next to it?

18 A. It does.

19 Q. Generally, Mr. Parisi, are those statutes related to drug
20 crimes?

21 A. Yes, they are. Section 21 is the narcotics, the drug
22 crimes section of the United States Code.

23 Q. Okay. And then who is the special agent who is -- who
24 has signed his name on this warrant application?

25 A. Joseph Bongiovanni.

1 **MR. DICKSON:** Can we go to page 4 of this document,
2 please?

3 **BY MR. DICKSON:**

4 Q. All right. Do you see this here, Mr. Parisi? Is that on
5 your screen?

6 A. Yes. Paragraph 1, you're talking about?

7 Q. Yeah. Is this the start of the affidavit that
8 Mr. Bongiovanni wrote?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. I'm going to start about halfway down that
11 paragraph where it says I have been employed by.

12 **MR. DICKSON:** And can you just zoom in there? Thank
13 you.

14 **BY MR. DICKSON:**

15 Q. Mr. Parisi, can you read that paragraph up through where
16 it says techniques slash methods?

17 A. Yes. It says I have been employed by the DEA since
18 November 1998. Prior to my assignment to the Buffalo
19 resident office, I was assigned as DEA special agent to the
20 Orlando, Florida district office.

21 As part of my employment with the DEA, I successfully
22 completed formalized training at the United States Justice
23 Department Training Facility Drug Enforcement Administration
24 Training Academy. During this training, I received detailed
25 training, both academic and practical application, in the

1 areas of informant handling/debriefing, drug packaging,
2 pricing, importation and trafficking methods.

3 In addition, I received both academic and practical
4 application training in surveillance and counter-surveillance
5 techniques/methods.

6 Q. So just to define a couple of the terms that we just
7 heard there, Mr. Parisi. Where it says informant handling/
8 debriefing, when you reviewed this warrant application, what
9 did you understand the defendant to be saying about informant
10 handling and debriefing?

11 A. The manner and method through which he was trained in how
12 to handle informants, meaning how to find informants, how to
13 detail the conversations with informants, how the DEA
14 requests you to discuss with informants what is supposed to
15 be told to informants, what is supposed to be documented when
16 informants tell you things, and how to appropriately document
17 that for the cases going in the future.

18 Q. Then where it says in addition I received both academic
19 and practical application training in surveillance and
20 counter-surveillance techniques/methods, what did you
21 understand surveillance and counter-surveillance
22 techniques/methods to mean?

23 A. Surveillance, meaning how to appropriately watch a target
24 without being observed, meaning where you should be on the
25 street, how you -- how far you should be away, where you

1 should have cover, how many agents should be involved in
2 those investigations and counter surveillances, how to make
3 sure that you're not getting surveilled and getting watched
4 and people see you, and watch you and what you're doing, to
5 be able to see what law enforcement is up to.

6 Q. Can you just go ahead and read the rest of that paragraph
7 there, and then we'll go to the next page?

8 A. Yes. I received legal instruction in federal drug and
9 conspiracy laws, preparing drug affidavits, the Controlled
10 Substances Act.

11 **MR. DICKSON:** Then if go to the next page, please.

12 **BY MR. DICKSON:**

13 Q. Can you just finish reading that paragraph for us?

14 A. Fourth Amendment searches and seizures, Federal Rules of
15 Evidence, and the execution of search warrants.

16 Based on my training and conversations with other special
17 agents and task force agents of the DEA, I am familiar with
18 how controlled substances are cultivated, manufactured,
19 processed, packaged, distributed, sold, and used within the
20 framework of drug trafficking.

21 In addition, I have participated in numerous
22 investigations that have targeted violators of federal and
23 state narcotics laws, and have purchased narcotics in an
24 undercover capacity.

25 I also have participated in several investigations

1 involving wiretaps, and I have reviewed taped conversations
2 and drug records pertaining to narcotics trafficking.

3 I have also participated in numerous debriefings of
4 narcotics traffickers, cooperating individuals, and sources
5 of information.

6 Q. Mr. Parisi, what is a wiretap?

7 A. It's a recording of listening in or recording of
8 conversations that individuals are having over the phone.

9 Q. Typically in investigations, is getting permission to do
10 a wiretap considered a significant investigative step?

11 A. Yes. Especially for the Department of Justice. There's
12 a large number of levels that have to review it before it's
13 submitted to the Court.

14 Q. A lot of investigation that has to happen before you get
15 authorization to do a wiretap?

16 A. Yes. Months of investigation.

17 Q. And then where it says cooperating individuals there. I
18 have also participated in numerous debriefings of narcotics
19 traffickers, cooperating individuals. What did you
20 understand "cooperating individuals" to mean?

21 A. Individuals who generally are caught doing something
22 illegal, who then are providing information and cooperating,
23 actively cooperating in an investigation to either avoid
24 charges, or to lessen their charges if they are charged with
25 a crime.

1 **MR. DICKSON:** Can we go to page 10, please? Maybe
2 that's wrong. Give me just a second, sorry about that.

3 Page 13. I apologize. And can we zoom in on
4 paragraph D, please?

5 **BY MR. DICKSON:**

6 Q. Can you just read that for the jury, Mr. Parisi?

7 A. Yes. Paragraph D is that persons involved in drug
8 trafficking or significant drug traffickers conceal proceeds
9 of drug sales, records of drug transactions, firearms,
10 ammunition, caches of drugs, large amounts of currency,
11 financial instruments, keys for safe deposit boxes, precious
12 metals, jewelry, and others items of value and/or proceeds of
13 drug transactions, and/or evidence of financial transactions
14 relating to obtaining, transferring, secreting, or spending
15 large sums of money made from engaging in narcotics
16 trafficking in their residences and in other secure
17 locations, including at the residences of their drug
18 associates and/or family members in order to conceal them
19 from law enforcement authorities.

20 Q. Is the defendant still the person who is writing this
21 paragraph?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Generally, Mr. Parisi, is this about how drug traffickers
24 might conceal proceeds from their -- the crimes that they're
25 committing?

1 A. Yes.

2 **MR. DICKSON:** And then can we go to the last page of
3 the document, please?

4 **BY MR. DICKSON:**

5 Q. Who signed this affidavit saying that everything in this
6 document was accurate and truthful?

7 A. Joseph Bongiovanni.

8 **MR. DICKSON:** Just one moment.

9 I don't have any more questions, Judge. Thank you.

10 **THE COURT:** Cross?

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12 **CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MacKAY:**

13 Q. Good morning, Mr. Parisi, how are you?

14 A. Good morning, Mr. MacKay.

15 Q. I see you smiling. You and I have worked against each
16 other in a professional capacity before, correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. I think both on the state and the federal side?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. We've had some dealings before.

21 So, you were shown Exhibit 145, which is both a search
22 warrant and the search warrant affidavit. You saw that
23 there, correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Fair to say, though, that -- well, let me back up.

10:23AM 1 You reviewed with the jury a lot of the language in that
10:23AM 2 warrant application, correct?

10:23AM 3 A. Yes.

10:23AM 4 Q. That's the affidavit that the law enforcement agent
10:23AM 5 provides to -- to get the search warrant, correct?

10:23AM 6 A. Yes.

10:23AM 7 Q. And fair to say that a lot of the language is actually
10:23AM 8 boilerplate language, correct?

10:23AM 9 A. Yes. We see it on a fair number of affidavits.

10:23AM 10 Q. Right. So, for example, I think it was paragraph 1,
10:23AM 11 Mr. Bongiovanni talks about some experience of having come
10:24AM 12 from Florida before, correct?

10:24AM 13 A. I'm sorry, can you -- experience of having gone to
10:24AM 14 Florida?

10:24AM 15 Q. He traces his career, and it explains that he was in
10:24AM 16 Florida before, correct?

10:24AM 17 A. Yes.

10:24AM 18 Q. Obviously, that's not going to be in every law
10:24AM 19 enforcement agent's affidavit, correct?

10:24AM 20 A. Right. They're going to put their own experience based
10:24AM 21 on where they were generally.

10:24AM 22 Q. Right. But then after that, we went through some further
10:24AM 23 language in paragraph 1, and then we jumped down to -- I
10:24AM 24 think it was the tenth page of the affidavit. That's the
10:24AM 25 stuff that's generally boilerplate language, correct?

10:24AM 1 A. I --

10:24AM 2 Q. We can show it again.

10:24AM 3 **MR. MacKAY:** Ms. Champoux, can we put Exhibit 145,
10:24AM 4 next page, please.

10:24AM 5 **THE CLERK:** Do you want the jury to see?

10:24AM 6 **MR. MacKAY:** Please.

10:24AM 7 **BY MR. MacKAY:**

10:24AM 8 Q. So right now we're looking at page 10 of the search
10:24AM 9 warrant affidavit. Can you read that?

10:24AM 10 A. Do you want me to read it out loud?

10:24AM 11 Q. No.

10:24AM 12 A. Yes, I see it.

10:24AM 13 Q. Yeah. That's what I'm referring to.

10:24AM 14 That sort of language, that's generally the boilerplate
10:25AM 15 language, correct?

10:25AM 16 A. So, yes, there will be boilerplate language that is in
10:25AM 17 here, but it's tailored to each affidavit a lot of times. So
10:25AM 18 based on the experience of the investigator, but also based
10:25AM 19 on the case, so if they were looking for records in a bank, a
10:25AM 20 bank deposit box, this is going to get tailored to the
10:25AM 21 experience in the investigation of what is, like, a bank
10:25AM 22 deposit box.

10:25AM 23 But this was a case where we're looking at a house and a
10:25AM 24 car. So it's the experience and as tailored what was looking
10:25AM 25 for in the house and the car.

1 **MR. MacKAY:** Ms. Champoux, can we jump up to, it will
2 be page 4 of the document, paragraph 1.

3 **BY MR. MacKAY:**

4 Q. Okay. In on this paragraph -- in this paragraph you're
5 looking at, we see the information about Mr. Bongiovanni
6 being in -- assigned as a DEA special agent at the Orlando,
7 Florida district office first, do you see that, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. But after that, that's some of the language I'm talking
10 about. That's largely boilerplate, as well, too, the rest of
11 the page?

12 A. It has -- there is -- I guess there's a form that these
13 all follow, is the best way to explain it.

14 So there's a form that these are all going to follow.
15 Whether it's boilerplate or not, those are all tailored --
16 I'm taking Mr. Bongiovanni at his word that he went through
17 all these changes. I'm not individually looking at all of
18 that, but -- or in any case that he had received all of this
19 training.

20 So, yes, there's a form -- this is a format of it, but I
21 see each one a little different based on the person's
22 training and also relevant experience with respect to the
23 investigation.

24 Q. Right. I mean, so for example, this search warrant was
25 in furtherance of a case about fentanyl, correct?

10:26AM 1 A. Yes.

10:26AM 2 Q. So it might not have all the same training and experience
10:26AM 3 or information relevant to a case about marijuana, right?

10:26AM 4 A. Correct.

10:26AM 5 Q. Or if, and I think I understand it here, this was to
10:26AM 6 search a house and a vehicle, correct?

10:26AM 7 A. That's correct.

10:26AM 8 Q. So it might not have all the same information put in
10:27AM 9 there as if we were searching a bank box or something,
10:27AM 10 correct?

10:27AM 11 A. Yes.

10:27AM 12 Q. So, like you said, it's pick and choose based on what
10:27AM 13 we're looking at, and what the crime might be committed,
10:27AM 14 correct?

10:27AM 15 A. Yes, we -- yes, there would changes based on that.

10:27AM 16 Q. But long story short, Mr. Bongiovanni or any law
10:27AM 17 enforcement agent isn't sitting down and writing these from a
10:27AM 18 blank page from total scratch, correct?

10:27AM 19 A. No. Not -- based on my understanding, they're using
10:27AM 20 formats that they have already.

10:27AM 21 Q. Right. And in your experience, you see a lot of the same
10:27AM 22 language pop up over time, correct?

10:27AM 23 A. Yes, that would be correct.

10:27AM 24 Q. Okay. And you talked a little bit at the end about
10:27AM 25 Title III wiretaps, correct?

10:27AM 1 A. Meaning I testified, or I talked about?

10:27AM 2 Q. On direct --

10:27AM 3 A. Yes.

10:27AM 4 Q. -- you talked a little bit about Title III wiretaps?

10:27AM 5 A. Yes.

10:27AM 6 Q. You described them, I think, it's a significant

10:27AM 7 investigative step, correct?

10:27AM 8 A. Correct.

10:27AM 9 Q. They are not used in every drug investigation, correct?

10:28AM 10 A. That's correct.

10:28AM 11 Q. Not only are they a significant step, but they require a

10:28AM 12 lot of work just to get the application for them, correct?

10:28AM 13 A. Yes.

10:28AM 14 Q. You often have to show as an Assistant United States

10:28AM 15 Attorney and as a law enforcement agent that you've done

10:28AM 16 other things before taking the step of asking for a wiretap,

10:28AM 17 correct?

10:28AM 18 A. Yes.

10:28AM 19 Q. You have to -- so, some of the things, for example, you

10:28AM 20 have to show that there might have been something like

10:28AM 21 controlled buys, correct?

10:28AM 22 A. Yes.

10:28AM 23 Q. You might have had to show that there's surveillance on a

10:28AM 24 particular location where somebody might be, or a phone might

10:28AM 25 be located, correct?

10:28AM 1 A. Yes.

10:28AM 2 Q. You might have to have -- well, at least you have to have
10:28AM 3 identified consistent phone numbers, correct?

10:28AM 4 A. That's correct.

10:28AM 5 Q. Okay. And you may have even had to have used
10:28AM 6 confidential informants up to that point, correct?

10:28AM 7 A. That's correct.

10:28AM 8 Q. So long story short, in telling a federal judge that you
10:28AM 9 want to get a warrant about a wiretap, you've got to show
10:28AM 10 through and everything you've done before you've asked for a
10:28AM 11 wiretap, correct?

10:28AM 12 A. That's correct.

10:28AM 13 Q. And I guess I'll just end with you already discussed this
10:29AM 14 was a fentanyl-based search warrant. Had you done other
10:29AM 15 cases with Mr. Bongiovanni in your career?

10:29AM 16 A. This was my first case that I had with him.

10:29AM 17 Q. Okay.

10:29AM 18 A. I remember that, because I was relatively new to the
10:29AM 19 office at the time. So this was the first case -- this might
10:29AM 20 have been the first case I worked with the DEA at the time.
10:29AM 21 So, and it was -- there was -- it was a bigger investigation
10:29AM 22 than just what was in here, too. So there were more facts to
10:29AM 23 this.

10:29AM 24 Q. But my question was just did you deal with him on any
10:29AM 25 other cases?

1 A. Yes, I've dealt with him after this. But I don't think
2 he was the lead case agent on any other cases that I've had
3 like he was on this one, but I've dealt with him on other
4 cases where he was in a supporting role.

5 Q. Okay. Fair to say his -- let me ask it this way. What
6 was the primary drug in those cases that was being targeted?

7 A. In all the cases? I mean, it was everything from heroin,
8 fentanyl, cocaine. I don't know that we worked on any
9 marijuana cases together, but I would say heroin, fentanyl,
10 cocaine.

11 Q. Okay. Thank you Mr. Parisi.

12 **MR. MacKAY:** I have no further questions.

13 **THE WITNESS:** Thank you.

14 **THE COURT:** Any redirect?

15 **MR. DICKSON:** No redirect, Judge.

16 **THE COURT:** Okay. You can step down, sir. Thank you
17 very much.

18 **THE WITNESS:** Thanks, Judge.

19 (Witness excused at 10:30 a.m.)

20 (Excerpt concluded at 10:30 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

In accordance with 28, U.S.C., 753(b), I
certify that these original notes are a true and correct
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the Western District of New York on February 26, 2024.

s/ Ann M. Sawyer

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. DICKSON:

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